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SUBJECT: CYPRUS TALKS: DENKTASH'S CRITIQUE OF WEEK'S EFFORT

1. I MET WITH DENKTASH IN LATE AFTERNOON, MAY 3, AND HE ALSO GAVE ME GENERALLY NEGATIVE CRITIQUE ON RESULTS OF CYPRUS TALKS DURING PAST WEEK. HIS MAIN POINT WAS THAT HE HAD BEEN OPPOSED FROM BEGINNING TO HIGH-LEVEL MEETING WITH UNSYG WALDHEIM AS BEING "UNTIMELY" AND AS UNNECESSARILY COMMITTING UNSYG'S PRESTIGE TO UNDERTAKING WHICH REQUIRES INT ITS INITIAL PHASE LENGTHY LOWER-LEVEL NEGOTIATIONS PRIOR TO MEETING OF PRINCIPALS. HE SAID HE HAD CLEARLY APPRISED CLERIDES OF THIS VIEWPOINT PRIOR TO VIENNA ROUND OF TALKS AND HAD TOLD HIM THAT WHILE HE WAS NOT READY AT THIS JUNCTURE TO MAKE ANY CONCESSIONS. SUCH A POSITION WAS NOT A PERMANENT ONE.

2. DENKTASH GAVE ME LENGTHY EXPOSE ON GREEK ATTITUDES, VIZ., THAT GREEKS HAVE STILL NOT COME AROUND TO RECOGNIZING "NEW REALITY ON CYPRUS" AND FACT THAT TURKS ARE SIMPLY NOT WILLING TO GO BACK TO STATUS QUO ANTESITUATION SECRET

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IN WHICH GREEKS WERE IN OVERLORDSHIP POSITION. WHAT

IS NECESSARY IS GREEK MENTAL REALIGNMENT FROM FORMER ATTITUDE OF SUPERIORITY OVER TURKS TO ATTITUDE OF EQUALITY BETWEEN TW COMMUNAL GROUPS. THE DESIRE TO PROMOTE THIS REALIGNMENT IS BEHIND TURKISH CYPRIOT POSITION THAT POWERS OF NATIONAL AND REGIONAL GOVERNMENTS MUST FIRST BE ESTABLISHED AND AGREED UPON BEFORE OTHER DIFFICULT ISSUES MAY BE TAKEN UP, ACCORDING TO DENKTASH.

- 3. DENKTASH DID NOT VOLUNTEER OR SUGGEST WHAT MIGHT BE PARAMETERS OF TURKISH POSITIONS ON VARIOUS PENDING ISSUES EXCEPT TO OBSERVE GENERAL TURKISH DESIRE FOR STRONG REGIONAL GOVERNMENT AND LIMITED NATIONAL ONE. HE DID NOTE THAT CLERIDES' PROPOSALS ON RETURN OF REFUGEES AND REOPENING OF NICOSIA AIRPORT OVERLOOKED "REALITIES OF NEW SITUATION."
- 4. IN BRIEF DISCUSSION OF ATTITUDE OF TURKISH GOVERN-MENT IN ANKARA, HE SEEMED TO SUGGEST THAT CURRENT POLITICAL SITUATION THERE DOES NOT ALLOW MUCH FLEXIBILITY ON CYPRUS PROBLEM. HE SAID HE PLANNED TO BE IN ANKARA EARLY PART OF NEXT WEEK FOR MEETINGS WITH GOT OFFICIALS BEFORE RETURNING TO CYPRUS. BUCHANAN

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